

In The Abstract

At page 11, please amend the abstract as follows:

The invention relates to an] An apparatus comprising a vacuum filler (3) for stuffing a casing (4) of any kind with a pasty substance and a clip module (1) for applying a clip (2) to a stuffed casing (4),]. The apparatus is characterized in that] the clip module (1) being [is] adapted to be driven by the vacuum filler (3). [Furthermore, the invention relates to a] A method of applying to a casing (4) of any kind a clip (2) by means of a clip module (1), [said method comprising the steps of: -] including stuffing the casing (4) with a pasty substance by means of a vacuum filler (3), [-] separating the portions, [-] and applying a clip (2) by means of a clip module (1)[. The method is characterized in that] with the clip module (1) [is] driven by the vacuum filler (3).